

# North Transfer Station Rebuild

Carr Place North  
Street Vacation  
City Council  
Transportation Committee  
April 9, 2013

# Introduction and Background

- SPU has been planning to rebuild its transfer stations for over 10 years
- Ordinance 122447 directed SPU to reconstruct the North Transfer Station
- Ordinance 121899 authorized SPU's purchase of the property across Carr Place North
- Resolution 31366 approved SPU's agreement with Wallingford Community Council for the rebuilding of North Transfer

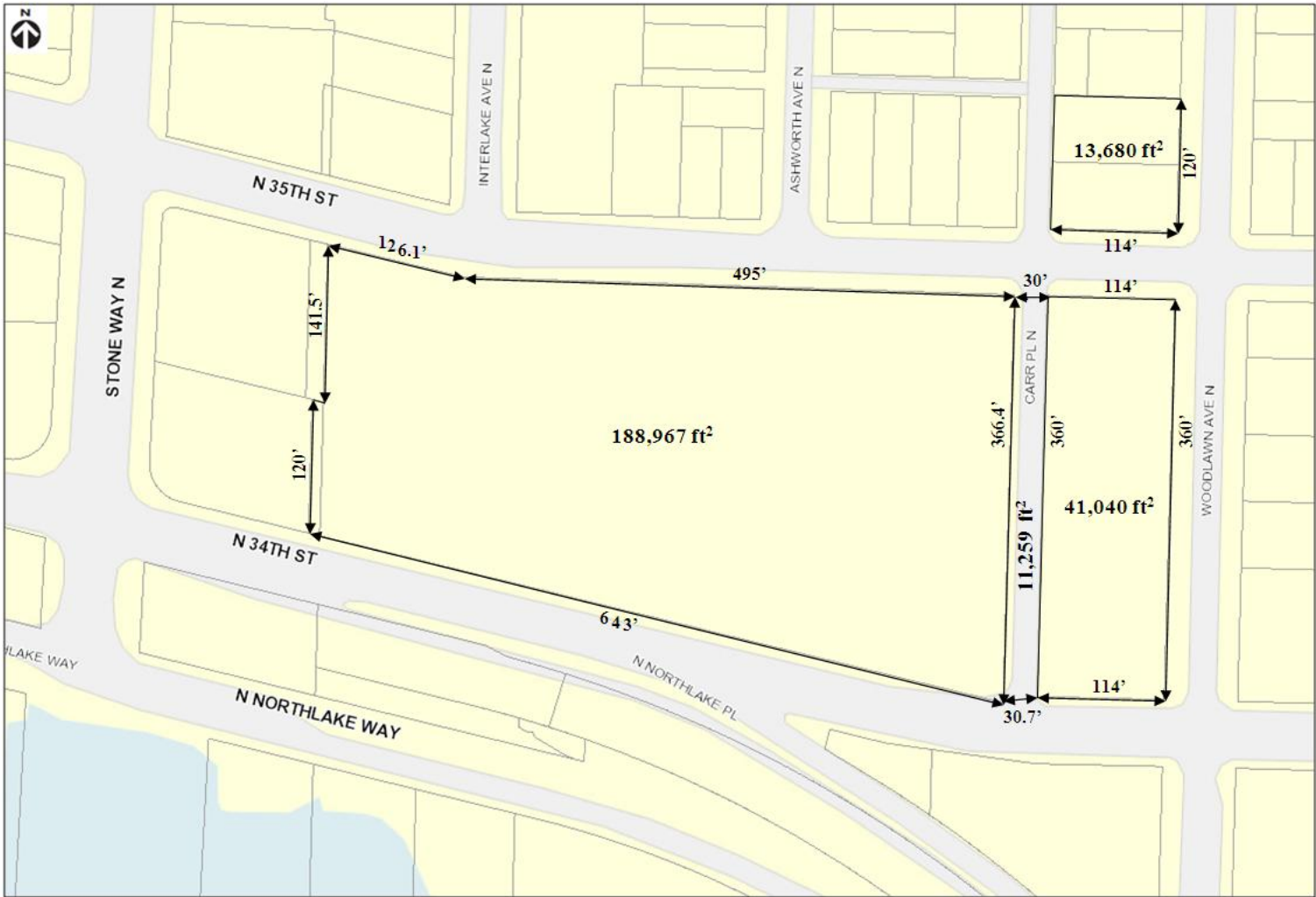
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- SPU settled litigation on the North Transfer Station project with the Fremont Neighborhood Association & other appellants
- Ordinance 123872 approved changes to the Land Use Code to implement the two agreements
- Seattle Design Commission approved the vacation for both Urban Design Merit as well as Public Benefit.
- This street vacation is the last City Council action necessary to implement SPU's agreements with the community

## North Transfer Station Area Map



# North Transfer Station Site Map



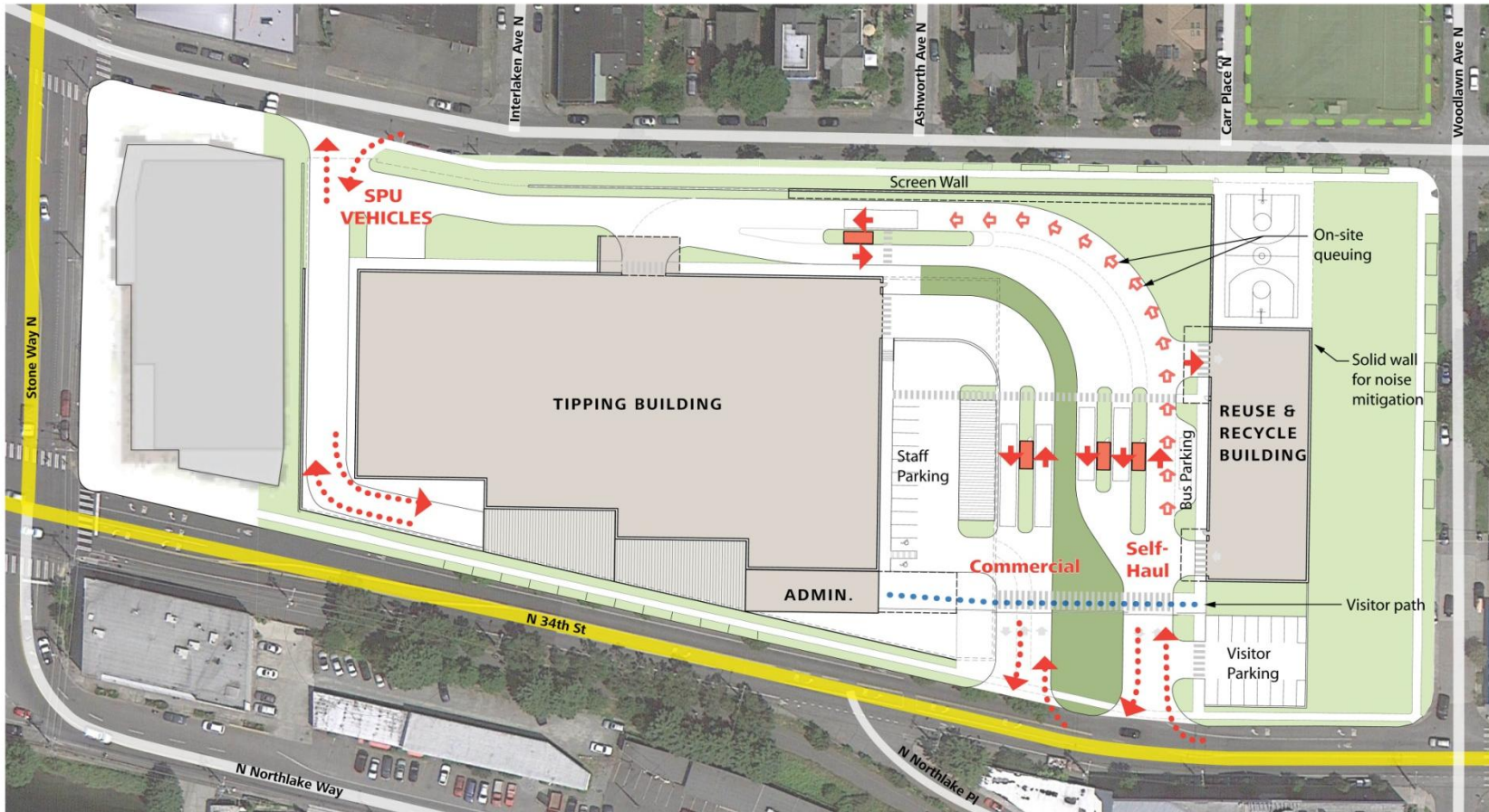


# North Transfer Station Zoning



Figure 4. Current uses, land use zoning, and development patterns in the vicinity of the proposed street vacation.

# How the station will work and why a street vacation is needed.



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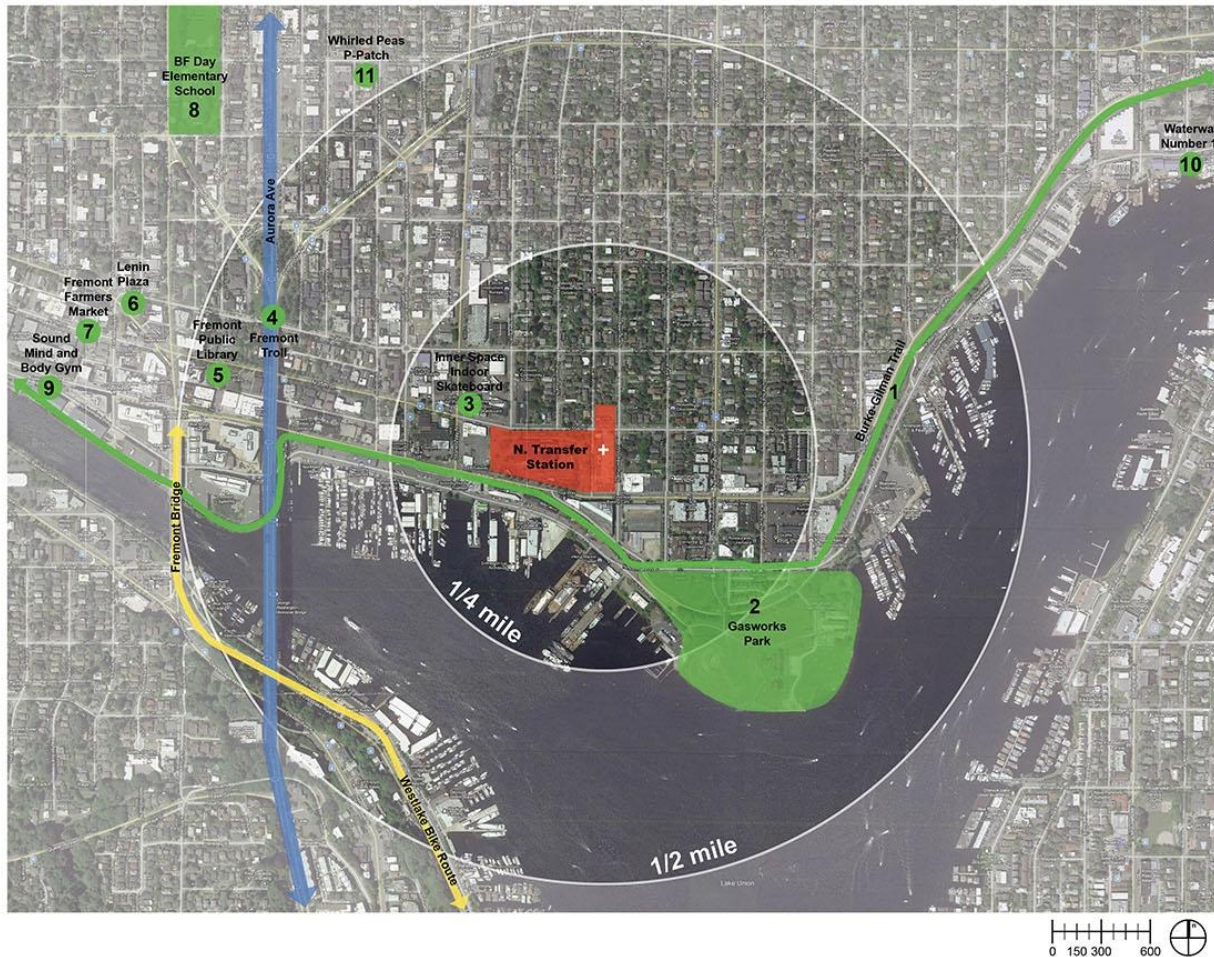
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0 25' 50'



# Recreation opportunities in the area



## Open Space Inventory

- Burke-Gilman Trail**
  - Multi-use trail
  - Restroom along trail
  - Rest spots and activity areas along trail
  - Bike facility
  - Water access
- Gasworks Park**
  - Event / Open space
  - Trails
  - Concessions
  - Play structure
  - Public restrooms
- Inner Space Indoor Skateboard**
  - Indoor recreation space (fee required)
- Fremont Troll**
  - Public Art
  - Gathering space
- Fremont Public Library**
  - Public Garden
  - Gathering space
- Lenin Plaza**
  - Gathering space (seasonal)
  - Outdoor dining
- Fremont Farmers Market**
  - Gathering space
  - Outdoor dining
- BF Day Elementary School**
  - Playfield
  - Sport courts
- Sound Mind and Body Gym**
  - Indoor recreation space (fee required)
- Waterway Number 15**
  - Water Access
  - Gathering Space
- Whirled Peas P-Patch**
  - Garden Space
  - Gathering Space

## North Transfer Station Inventory Map

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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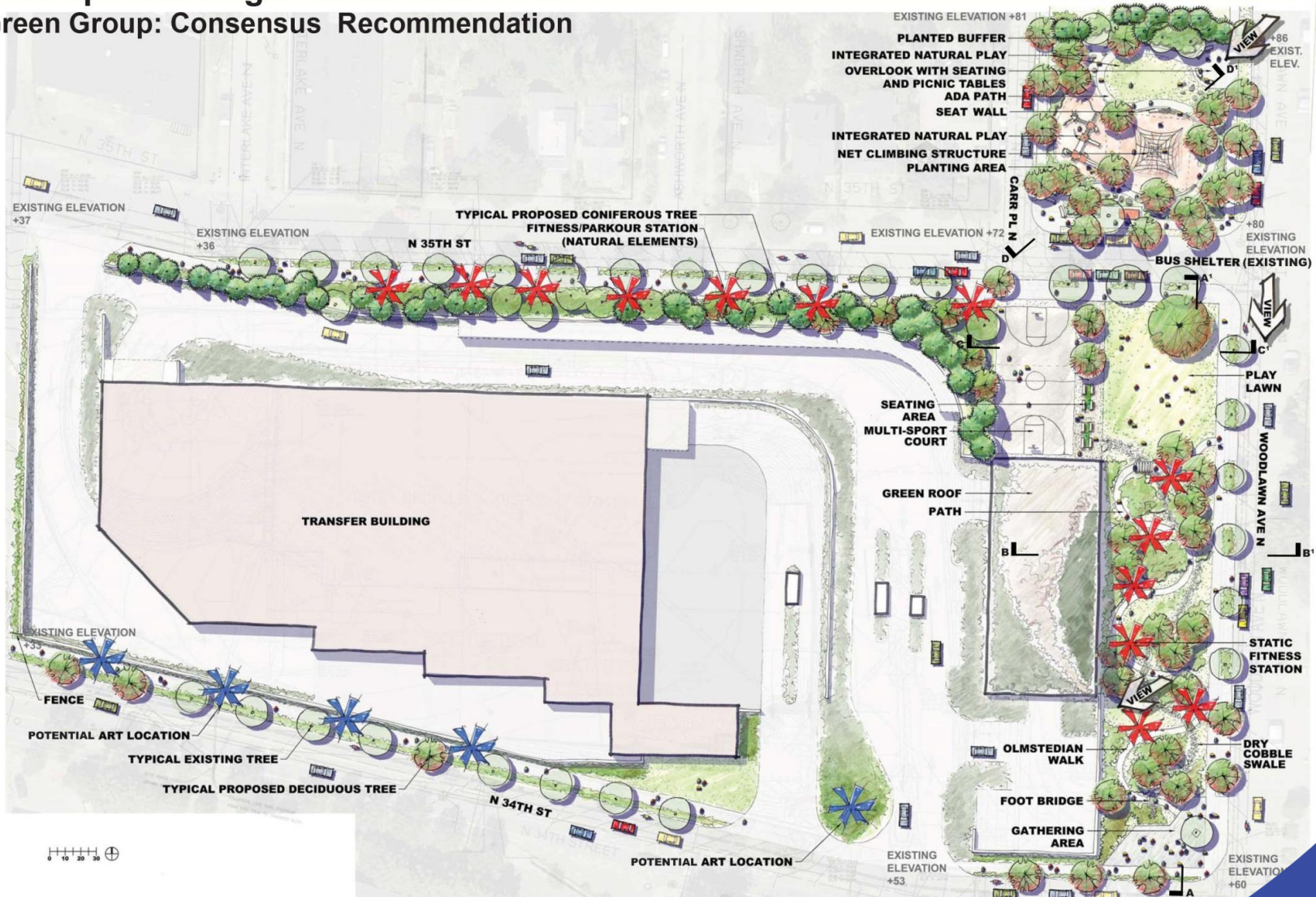
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# Conceptual Design: Twine with a Twist

## Green Group: Consensus Recommendation







# Public Benefit: The Companion J.P. Patches Recycling Education Center

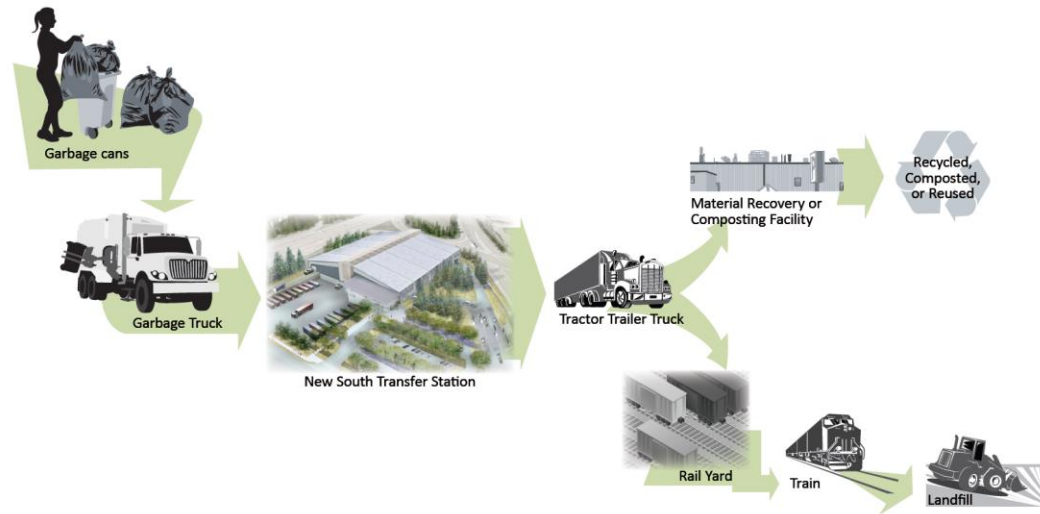
Educational tours for schools and parks visitors

Interactive Exhibits

Informational Diagrams

Fact Sheets for self-guided tours

Art Installations



Takeaways:

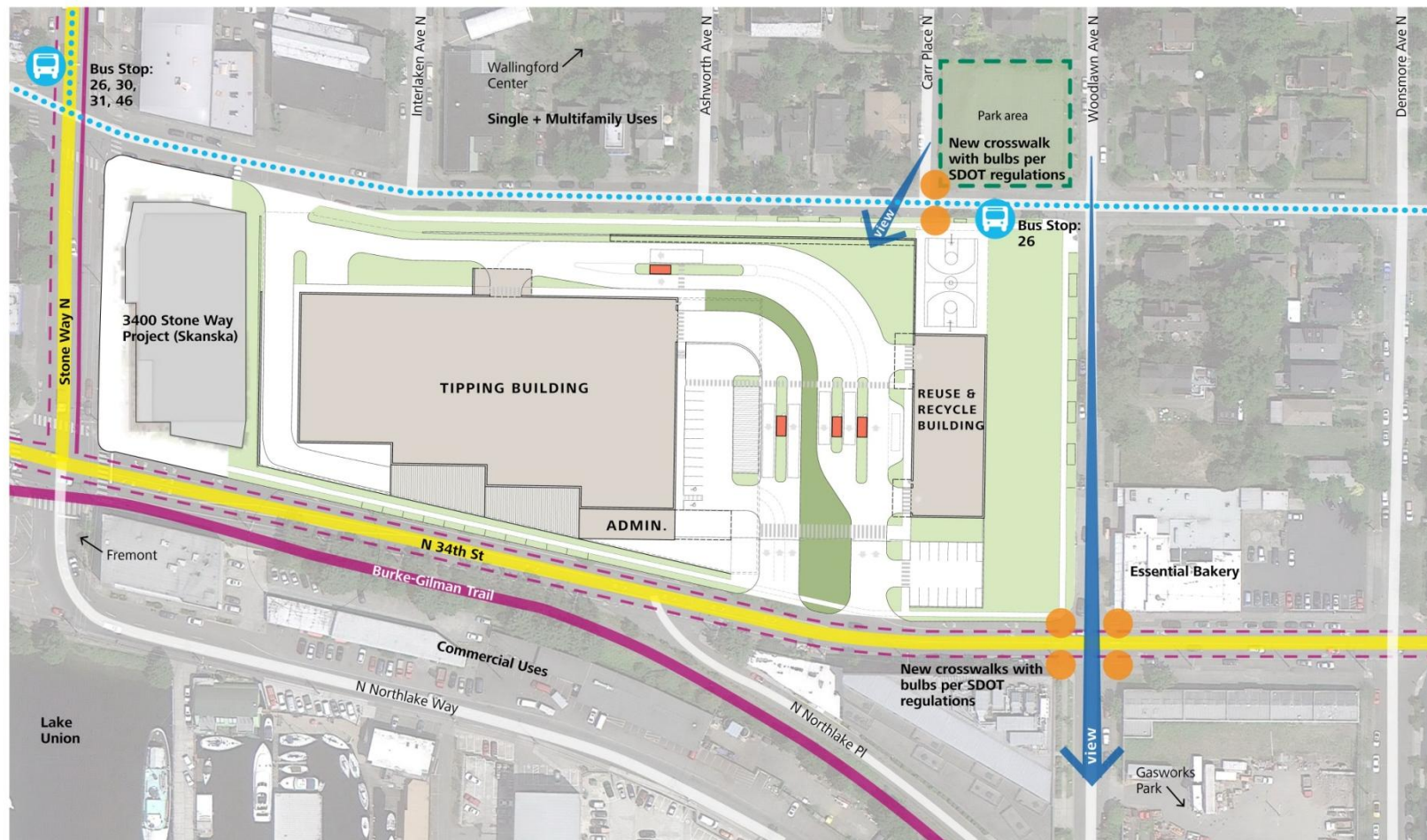
“Where does it go” –Garbage, Recyclables, Composting

“What can I do at home to reduce garbage?”

“Who works here?”



# Public Benefit: Pedestrian Improvements



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## LEGEND

Main Arterial

Multi-use bicycle trail

On-street bicycle lane

Bicycle sharrow

Bus route



0 25' 50' 100'

## Public Benefit vs. Code Requirements

Item	What Code Requires	SPU commitments above & beyond Code
1. Public viewing	Nothing.	A viewing gallery of the tipping building, located in the admin/crew building, to educate visitors and schoolchildren about solid waste management and recycling

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2. Curb bulbs and crosswalk signs	Nothing.	Appropriately landscaped curb bulbs and a suspended crosswalk sign will be constructed for the crosswalk on the east and west sides of the intersection of N 34 <sup>th</sup> and Woodlawn. <u>And</u> one set of curb bulbs and a crosswalk will be constructed to cross N35th St, west of Woodlawn Ave N.



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3. Setback for eastern recycling building	65 ft. setback area. No requirement for public access.	32,000 SF of park-like area with public access. Includes multi-sport court, seating, play lawn, Olmstedian walk, fitness stations and gathering area in southeastern corner.

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4. Residentially zoned parcel north of N 35 <sup>th</sup> St	Nothing. SPU could sell this parcel.	13,680 SF of park-like area with public access. Includes children's play area with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A netted climbing play structure</li><li>• Play features integrated into the natural topography</li><li>• Climbable rocks and logs</li><li>• Picnic tables</li><li>• A lawn</li></ul>

## Public Benefit vs. Code Requirements

Item	What Code Requires	SPU commitments above & beyond Code
5. IB zoned parcel	20 ft. landscaped setback area. No requirement for public access.	10,000 SF of park-like area with public access. Includes static fitness/parkour elements.



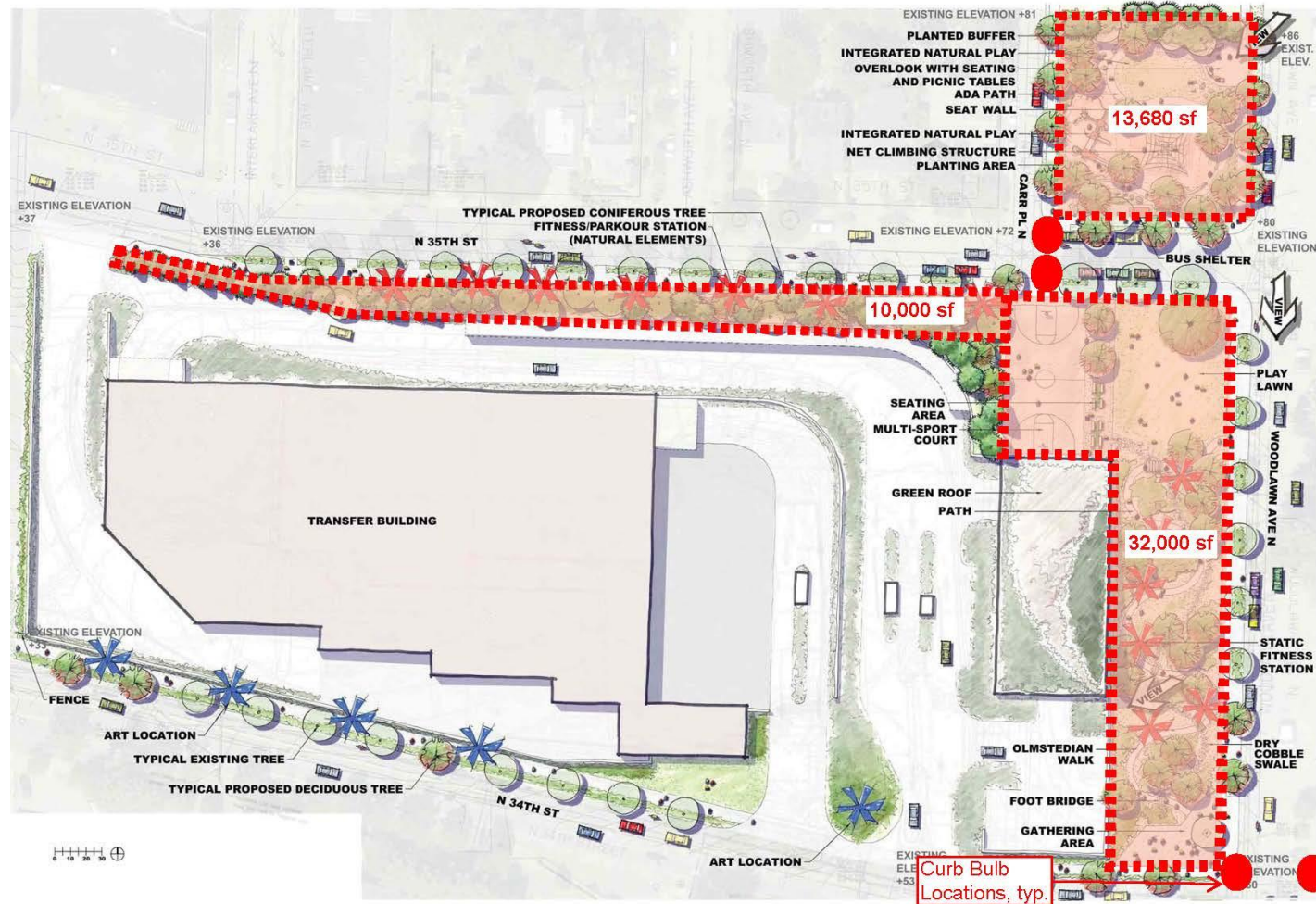
# Summary of Public Benefit

In exchange for  
the 11,037 SF  
of Carr Pl. N.  
being vacated  
SPU will  
provide:

56,680 SF of park-like,  
publically  
accessible space  
with multiple  
amenities

Viewing/educational  
gallery space

Safer pedestrian  
access by  
constructing six  
(6) curb bulbs



# Questions?